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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: Application of David A. Potts

Date: December 27, 2004

Serial No. 10/053,311

Examiner: K. W. Mitchell

Filed: 1/17/2002

Art Group: 1724

For: Dewatering a leach field

Atty. Docket No. 2032

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

This is a response to the office action of August 25, 2004.

1. Applicant request a one month extension of time in which to respond and encloses payment of \$55 a fee. Applicant has added one extra independent claim, for which \$100 payment is enclosed. Applicant encloses a fee of \$55 for a terminal disclaimer, enclosed. Please charge any deficiency in the foregoing, or any other fee, to deposit account No. 14-0711 in the name of undersigned attorney with a reference number of 2032.
2. Please amend the claims as shown in the attached list of pending claims.

REMARKS

1. Applicant has amended the claims in order to make them allowable. Entry is requested. If examiner disagrees about allowability, entry is nonetheless requested, to enable better possible appeal.
2. Applicant has canceled the withdrawn claims. In the office action, claims 7, 8, and 10 were said to be potentially allowable. These claims have been re-written in independent form with the limitations of the base and intervening claims. See also paragraph 3 below.

Claim 18 was rejected under 35 USC 112 and applicant believes his amendment now overcomes the indefiniteness. The claim is re-written in independent form with the limitations of the base and intervening claims.

3. Examiner objected to claims 1 and 11 with respect to the wording. That has been addressed in the amended independent claims now submitted. This is an example of the change which has been made "...comprised of a conduit buried in soil, which soil runs continuously from the

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